

REMARKS

In the Office Action of September 4, 2003, Examiner Johnson indicated that claims 51, 54, 65, 66, 67, 71-73, 82, 92, 93 and 106 were provisionally rejected for obviousness type double patenting pursuant to claims existing in co-pending Application No. 10/098,592. The co-pending application has not issued as a patent at this time.

In the telephone interview of September 22, 2003 Examiner Johnson stated that claims 69, 75, 76, 86, 89, 90, 97, 100 and 101 would be allowable if written in independent form with all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The foregoing amendment as explained hereinafter provides a new set of claims incorporating only those claims indicated in the telephone interview to be allowable and those claims which have been rejected only on provisional obviousness type double patenting. Accordingly, the present amendment provides claims which are in allowable condition because they have been designated as allowable by Examiner Johnson or the sole rejection is based on obviousness type double patenting on a co-pending application which has not issued. As indicated in MPEP Section 804,

"If the "provisional" double patenting rejection in one application is the only rejection remaining in that application, the Examiner should then withdraw that rejection and permit the application to issue as a patent, thereby converting the "provisional" double patenting rejection in the other application into a double patenting rejection at the time the one application is used as a patent".

Applicants have provided 6 new independent claims. Independent claim 107 corresponds to previous claim 54 which only objection is based on double patenting of the co-pending application. New claim 150 corresponds to previous claim 72 which has solely been rejected on obviousness type double patenting grounds over Applicants co-pending application. New independent claim 164 essentially corresponds to previous claims 75 and 76 both of which were indicated as allowable by Examiner Johnson in the telephone interview. The Examiner will note that the requirement of a touch screen has been omitted from new claim 164. Applicants submit that the omission of the specific requirement of a touch screen does not affect patentability of independent claim 164 because none of the prior art shows a computer module comprising a display unit as required in claim 164 and those claims dependent therein.

New independent claim 191 corresponds to previously allowed claim 89. New independent claim 211 corresponds to the combination of former claims 93 and 97.

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Claim 97 is previously indicated as allowable and former claim 93 was rejected solely on obviousness type double patenting grounds. Finally, new independent claim 229 corresponds to previously allowed claims 100 and 101.

All of the remaining claims of the application are directly or indirectly dependent on one of the above-mentioned independent claims and have been written to overcome the rejections under 35 USC§112 (see claims 121, 148, 205-207 and 223-225). More specifically, new claims 108-149 are dependent on claim 107 (former claim 54). These claims are deemed to be in allowable condition because all of the claims (claim 107-149) have been rejected solely on obviousness type double patenting grounds.

Dependent claims 151-163 are dependent on claim 150 (former claim 72). All of these claims are deemed to be in allowable condition because the only standing rejection is based on obviousness type double patenting based on Applicants co-pending application.

New claims 165-190 are dependent directly or indirectly on claim 164 (former claims 75-76). Claims 164-190 are therefore deemed to be in allowable condition because they are based on former claims 75 and 76 which were indicated by Examiner Johnson to be allowable over the prior art.

New claims 192-210 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 191 (former claim 89) which was deemed to be allowable over the prior art. Accordingly, claims 191-210 are deemed to be in allowable condition.

New claims 212-228 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 211 (former claims 93 and 97). As previously indicated, former claim 97 is considered allowable by Examiner Johnson and former claim 93 was rejected solely on obviousness type double patenting over Applicants co-pending application. Accordingly, it is submitted that new claims 210-228 are in allowable condition.

Finally, new claim 229 is deemed allowable because it is based on former claims 100 and 101 each of which was considered allowable over the prior art by the Examiner Johnson.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all of the claims of the application (claims 107-229) are in allowable condition and early passage to issue is therefore deemed proper and is respectfully requested.

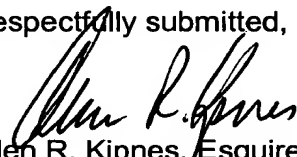
The present amendment is submitted without prejudice to Applicants rights to pursue subject matter previously claimed which has not been incorporated into the new set of claims presented herewith.

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The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any still outstanding matters with respect to the present application.

A check in the amount of \$ 675 is enclosed to cover the additional fee. Any additional fee due or credit for overpayment should be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0510.

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